

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 7, before "Background of the Invention", insert the paragraph
-- This invention was made with Government support under Contract Number DE-FG03-94ER86008/A002, awarded by the Department of Energy. The Government has certain rights in this invention. --

In the Claims:

No claims have been changed by this amendment.

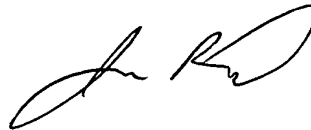
REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15, 22-28, 30-35, 37, and 57-66 are pending in this application. No claims have been changed by this amendment.

Applicant submits this amendment to amend the specification as indicated above. Specifically, Applicant has inserted a clause at the beginning of the application specifying that the U.S. government has certain rights in this patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions or believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,



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